UTech–Amber–HEART Associate Degree in AI — Jamaica's National AI Lab Admits Its First 100-Student Cohort

AI in Education · Good practice · Jamaica

Quality score: 27/100

Evidence strength: Cautionary / limited

Summary

A public-private partnership of UTech, Amber Group and HEART/NSTA Trust opened a National AI Lab at UTech's Papine campus and enrolled 100 students in a one-year Associate Degree in AI in July 2026. No learning or employment outcomes are published yet.

Key dimensions

Dimension	Score
Evidence of learning impact	0/3
Equity & inclusion	1/3
Transparency, ethics & data protection	1/3
Teacher capability & pedagogy	1/3
Scalability & sustainability	1/3

Evaluated by C-NAPSE

Data sources

C-NAPSE web research — accessed 2026-11-21

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